

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 1, please change the title of the invention to:

--JACK-SHAFT OPERATOR ASSEMBLY HAVING CONNECTING PLATE SECURED BY  
COUPLER TO DRIVE MEMBER--;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 11 at line 25, to page 12, line 23, as follows:

An example embodiment of the invention will now be described in detail with reference to the attached drawing in which:

FIG. 1 is a view, partly broken away, from inside of an upper corner of a garage door showing a door shaft or drive tube and a jack-shaft operator or direct operator;

FIG. 2 is ~~serap~~ a partial view in perspective of the door shaft;

FIG. 3 is an exploded view in perspective of a shaft connecting means on a jack-shaft operator;

FIG. 4 is a view as shown in FIG. 3 with the shaft connecting means fitted to the jack-shaft operator;

FIG. 5 is an axial side view of a portion for inserting a coupler of the shaft connecting means;

FIG. 6 is a side view of the coupler as shown in FIG. 5 as seen from the opposite side;

FIG. 7a is a rear view of a connecting plate of the shaft connecting means;

FIG. 7b is a side view of the connecting plate as shown in FIG. 7a; and

FIG. 8 is a rear view of an axial end of a shaft connecting element of the shaft connecting means.

Page 14, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 17 as follows:

In the example as shown in this case the shaft connecting element 28 and the connecting plate 29 are configured as separate items for positively connecting matingly via cap screws 38. The shaft connecting element 28 has outwards substantially the shape of a truncated cone, it featuring a through opening 39 serving to receive the door shaft 6. A protuberance 40 47 protruding radially inwards serves to engage the slot 24. The protuberance 40 47 has a width which is only slightly less than the inner ~~with~~ width U so that the door shaft 6 is positively received non-rotatably in the opening 39. By means of a bracing cap screw 40 inserted in a radial tapped hole, the door shaft 6 can be located in an arrangement as selected axially with the shaft connecting element 28. At the axial end 42 41 having the larger diameter, the shaft connecting element 28 is provided radially outside of the opening 39 with a plate connecting portion 42. The plate connecting portion 42 is formed substantially by a radial protruding annular plate-shaped portion.

Page 15, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 11 as follows:

Referring now to FIG. 3, as well as to FIGS. 7a and 7b there is illustrated the connecting plate 29 in more detail, it being substantially circular in circumference. Provided at the outer circumferential portion on a side 44 of the connecting plate 29 to face the tube connecting element 28 are three recesses 45 for positively receiving the protuberances 43. A central recess 46 serves to positively receive a flanged portion 48 of the coupler 27. The central recess 46 extends only up to roughly half the axial thickness of the connecting plate 29. Provided at the bottom of the central recess 46 is a wall 49 defining a central through hole 50. The contour of the central through hole 50 is adapted to receive an engaging portion 52 of the coupler 27 such that it is positively insertable through the central through hole 50 into the hollow shaft 36.